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Further to the telephone conference with Examiner Philogene on January 25, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously submitted on July 21, 2004 for the above-referenced application. At the Examiner's request, applicants hereby resubmit a copy of the previously filed IDS and cited references for official consideration, along with a copy of the Return Receipt Postcard with a date stamp from the USPTO indicating that the subject IDS was received on July 21, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449, and request that this submission be made part of the official record.

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